Now I understand the mood of the body, and as I indicated,
I am not going to take a lot more time on this. It probably
is not going to go anywhere anyhow, but as Senator Fenger
pointed out from his position as the Chairman of the
Department of Public Health and Welfare Committee and from
my position as the Chairman of the Education Committee, I
think it is important that these points be made, that there
are students wanting into a program that can't get in,
number one, and that there are students in a program that
are having a very difficult time being served, number two.
And, again, the arguments that I made this morning, that
may or may not be our bailiwick, that may or may not be
anything that we can do anything about. Maybe it is up
to the Board of Regents but I think we have every right
and, yes, I think we have the charge to be concerned
about it and to voice our concerns and that, Mr. Presi-
dent, quite simply is what I am doing. I ask for the
adoption of this amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature,
when it comes talking technicalities on computers, I freely
admit that I am not as skilled in that as I wished I might
be but let me explain briefly why the funds are where
they are and why I do not believe that they should be placed
where Senator Vickers proposes. Number one, the $600,000
is to replace two what were used computers bought by the
University. They are about ten years old. They are both
obsolete. Their maintenance cost runs, as I recall, some-
where between $14,000 and $17,000 a month in part because
of their obsolescence. They are a slow drive. They can't
match with newer computers and it is true that they are
used in part for administrative purposes but it is equally
accurate to state that any kind of academic computing opera-
tion, and I assume that this is meant to pertain to UNL,
that any type of academic computing operation in part in
some projects is going to depend upon a main frame for a
lot of the work and the issue here is where do you start.
It is my understanding that we are talking about a two or
three year program. It is my opinion and I'm certainly
aware that somebody could argue differently but it is my
opinion at least that the plan that UNL has is not jelled
and I don't think it is appropriate to appropriate this
$600,000 at this point for academic computers until they
really have an agreed plan of what they are going to do.
As you all well know it is highly expensive in term of
equipment, that anything that I have seen in the last fif-
teen years is where mistakes were made in the investing
of tax funds in computers without really having it thought